

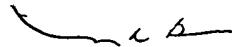
REMARKS

Claims 1 to 10 were and are currently pending in this application.

Claims 1 to 10 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and reference numbers, and to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein". No new matter has been added.

It is believed that no fee is required for this preliminary amendment. However, should a fee apply, please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2622.

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